

Childrens Department.

FISHERS HILL, VA., April 20, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR:—I am eleven years old. I have one Brother and no sister. My Brother's name is Walter; he is five years old. We go to Sunday school every Sunday at the Reform church. There is no other nearer than two miles. My mamma and grandma belong to the Brethren church. I am glad to see so many letters in our column. I began too late in the year. I am not writing for the prize.

Yours truly,

VERNIE KELLER.

RELIAANCE, VIRGINIA.

DEAR EDITOR:—We are still working at our church. I hope it will be so we can have preaching there before long. I am glad to see so many letters from the children although there was only eight letters in our last paper. I will write two letters next month.

Yours Truly,

CLARA M. LITTLE.

ROANN, IND., April 21, '94.

DEAR EDITOR. This is my first attempt to write for the children's column. I am eleven years old. I have four brothers and one sister. The gravel pit caved in on my papa and he died in a few days. I stay with Grandma Rife, about nine miles from home, and she belongs to the Brethren church. I got ready to go to the Brethren church at our school house. Brother Ditch is our preacher. It rained and we did not get to go. Laurie Wycoff I would like to see a letter from you in the EVANGELIST.

Yours Truly,

CARRIE WRAY.

LOGANSPOUT, IND., Apr. 24th, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR:—I am eight years old. I go to school every day. I am in the third reader. My teacher's name is Miss Annie Shepherd. She is a kind teacher. In the morning we sing and then we say the ten commandments and then we say the Lord's prayer. My mamma belongs to the Brethren church. My papa works on the railroad. I and my sister younger than I attend the Y. B. Sabbath School. My teacher's name is Miss Eva Michels. The church that mamma belongs to is about twelve miles from here. We do not get to attend church as often as we like.

Yours Truly,

LIZZIE V. SHERRARD.

CORNELL, ILL., Feb. 18th, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR:—We are two little girls, age ten and eleven years. We thought we would write a short letter to the EVANGELIST. We go to school every day. We are in the fifth grade in the Intermediate Department. We have three departments in all. We read in the fourth reader. We have prayer meetings at different houses every Tuesday evening. We attend every time we can. We love to read the letters from the children. We love to hear the word of God. We attend the M. E. Sunday School regular. We are both members of the Loyal Temperance legion. We meet every Sunday afternoon; our pastor's name "for the Progressive Brethren" is Daniel Mast. We soon expect to hold a revival by Bro. Palmer from Ind. We close and hope to hear from others.

BELL M. VANDERREE.
MAUD HOLMES.

AKRON, IND., April 21, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR:—As Moses was going along he came to a well where there were seven girls waiting to water their flocks; these were all daughters of one man. There were men at the well and they made the girls wait till they had their flocks watered. When Moses saw this he made the men leave and he helped the girls to water their flocks. This pleased the girls and they wanted him to go home with them and see their father.

To be continued.

Yours truly,

MAUD HOFFMAN.

NORTH LIBERTY, OHIO, April 28, 1894.

DEAR AUNT ETTA:—This is a beautiful morning. I think this the most pleasant time in the whole year; to see the trees in bloom and hear the birds sing their sweet songs. We are having a good Sunday school this summer and a good attendance. Our young people's society is getting along nicely. We were going to have an entertainment to-night but on account of the rain it was postponed.

Yours Respectfully,

LULU E. BEAL.

Jennings, La., April 29, 1894.

Dear Editor:—Our school will have an entertainment and charge admission to put in new black-boards. Some of the scholars are giving dimes to get a flag for the school house. We want to get it and put it on the school house for the 30th of May, which is decoration day. will answer Inez Fisher's question, Joseph of Aramathia begged the body of Jesus. Was he a black or white man? What Jesus said about the lilies is found in Matt. vi, 28, 29.

Ora Grubb.

Twelve Mile, Ind., April 21, 1894.

Dear Editor:—King Saul was very unhappy and wished a player of the harp to comfort him. One of his servants had heard of David. This servant said that he was a very brave young man, can speak wisely and is handsome. Saul said he would like this young man, so he sent after him. When Saul saw him he loved him very much.

To be continued next month.

Blanch Dalzell.

Falls City, Nebraska, April 24, 1894.

Dear Editor:—This is my birthday. I am eleven years old. I am glad Homer is getting well. I will answer Miles Myers' question: Rain was kept from the earth, three years and six months by the request of Elias. I read it in the last chapter of James. It says he was a man of like passions as we are. Yet his prayers were answered. In the same chapter we read the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.

Ada A. Judy.

It seems to be necessary that we have faith in order that our prayers be answered. The Bible tells us how we can get faith. In your next you tell us how it is.

Salemville, Pa., May 5th, 1894.

Dear Editor:—We live two and one-half miles from the New Enterprise church. Mr. Smith is our preacher. I go there to Sunday school. I have two brothers older than myself. I am nine years old. I will send ten cents for Mr. Holsinger.

Clarence M. Feters.

Corinth, West Va., May 1, 1894.

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter for the EVANGELIST. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Mr Vanverth is my teacher. Mr Hollis is superintendant. I have three brothers and no sister. My papa and mamma belong to the Progressive Brethren church. I love to read the children's letters. I read of Homer Harrison being sick. I hope he will get well that he may enjoy life as the rest of us children do. I must close.

Della Nordeck,

God would not permit Homer to get well. He took him to be with the little children in heaven and there he is waiting for us to come.

PREPARATION AND ACTION IN DEBATE.

"In debating societies," says Dr. J. M. Buckley in *The Chautauquan* for March, "no moral young man should ever on moral and religious questions espouse the side that he does not believe. In the intellectual forum he may be a gladiator and there are thousands of questions suited to this kind of fencing."

"A serious practical problem arises," he continues. "where a person has thought long and deeply on both sides. He may conclude that there is little difference between the sides. Nevertheless he honestly believes the one he proposes to advocate. Unless he understands how to develop oratorical fervor even when there is but a slight difference between the weight of the respective sides the debator will produce little impression. Within a few years has passed away a great college president and eloquent orator, a successful member of a state Senate who usually failed in a critical emergency because he saw so much on both sides that at any stage he could easily have put himself in the place of his opponent. How is this to be avoided? In one and but one way. A foreshortening of the prospective of the opponent and an enlarging of his own views. If he honestly believes that much may be brought forward truthfully on the other side it should develop charity for his opponents and remove acrimony from his speech. But as he believes his position right and that the result of the prevalence of his views will be most beneficial let him by every consideration arouse himself, so that while stating his opponent's arguments fairly though calmly he may utter his own with the greatest vigor. In view of the results sought there is no reason why a man should not deliver arguments, dry as dust, with all the feeling he would have were he delivering a stirring appeal. It will contribute to his warmth if he listens intently to his opponent, endeavoring to answer mentally each argument as it is uttered."

The man who will steal chickens is often found hiding behind a hypocrite in the church.

You will miss it if you undertake to measure a man's religion by the length of his face.